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## Athletics Notes February, 1990 - Jimmy Feix

1. I trust you've followed the results of the 1990 NCAA Convention in articles and Legislative Assistance column interpretations published in recent issues of the NCAA News. Pam or I would be glad to discuss any particular proposal with you. I will be joined by Director of Admissions Cheryl Chambless (initial eligibility), Registrar Freida Eggleton (continuing eligibility-satisfactory progress), and Director of Student Financial Aid Lee Watkins in attending a compliance seminar in Birmingham March 2-3. I feel certain we will have some valuable information to share upon our return. When the new 1990-91 NCAA Manuals are received, you'll want to review all the "shaded" entries that indicate new legislation.
2. A warm "Hilltopper Welcome" to the newest member of our athletics staff, Head Men's Tennis Coach Scott Vowels AND heartfelt thanks for the great job done by Jeff True who resigned to give his full efforts to his business.
3. The 1989-90 Male and Female Athletes of-the-Year nominations were due February 5. The Faculty Athletics Committee selection committee will forward the honorees to the University awards Committee, February 9.
4. You are reminded to submit the Request For Initial Eligibility (sometimes referred to as the Coach's 2.0) Form to Cheryl Chambless for every prospective student-athlete you think might enroll. This starts the process in determining 14.3 initial eligibility. No official eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition can be determined until that form is submitted.
5. It is critical that you maintain your journal record of official and unofficial campus visits by prospective student-athletes up-to-date and accurately. Names, dates, times of arrival and departure and hometowns should be recorded along with other information you might feel relevant (i.e. host). Such supporting material would be very important in responding to allegations and compliance reviews.
6. I am deeply grateful for your support of the recently completed drug education program coordinated by Bill Edwards and conducted by Nancy Givens. Insuring attendance by your players, in addition to Bill's and Nancy's time and efforts were the foundation to this very successful program.

Copies to Ath. Com.  
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7. It would be helpful for you to begin 1990-91 budget requests in preparation for the University's request. The turn-around time is usually critical once we receive the requests forms. Travel, equipment, officials, guarantees and other 3000 pool line items are examples of areas in which you can be planning. Your close attention to expenditures in this year's budget is very important during this period of the budget year. We must operate within allocations. The "other direct costs" line item under the "pool" summaries is the balance of funds, excluding personnel in your budget. It also indicates the percentage of your budget that has been spent.
8. Our next head coaches' breakfast is Thursday, February 15, 7:00 A.M., DUC cafeteria. Please share these notes with other staff you may have in your program.



## ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

### INSUFFICIENT CREDIT HOURS

**Situation:** A basketball player needs three credit hours to earn his undergraduate degree. He plans to take graduate courses next year. Can he enroll for three hours this semester and still retain eligibility for next year?

**Ruling:** According to Bylaw 14.1.5.2.2.1 of the NCAA Manual, a student in his last semester or quarter may take less than 12 hours if the institution certifies that the student is carrying the necessary credits for graduation. However, the student would subsequently forfeit all remaining eligibility.

Therefore, if the student in question takes three hours in the spring semester, he would not be eligible as a graduate student.

### NON-QUALIFIER ENROLLS AFTER YEAR AT NAIA SCHOOL

**Situation:** A student-athlete who was a non-qualifier attends two semesters and participates on an athletic team at a four-year NAIA school. He intends to enroll at a Sun Belt institution. How many years would he have of remaining eligibility and when would he become eligible?

**Ruling:** The NCAA's LIC Committee concluded that regardless of whether the non-qualifier participates in a sport at an NAIA school during his first year of enrollment, he is entitled to a maximum of three seasons of competition at a Division I member Institution.

When a non-qualifier transfers after completing a full academic year, he is subject to Bylaw 14.6.5.1.1, which states that he is eligible for competition, financial aid and practice immediately, as long as he plays a sport other than football, basketball or ice hockey, and meets all conditions of Bylaw 14.6.5.3.10.

### RESTRICTIONS OF MEDICAL HARDSHIP WAIVER

**Situation:** A volleyball player has been granted a medical hardship waiver by the Conference Office for the 1989 season. She has successfully rehabilitated her injury. Can she participate in both practice and outside competition during her team's non-traditional playing season this spring?

**Ruling:** Yes. Restrictions on practice and outside competition for a student who has been granted a medical waiver under Bylaw 14.2.5 apply only to the traditional playing segment of the school year.

LIC INTERPRETATION OF BYLAW 15.3.4.1

Recently at the NCAA Convention in Dallas, the Sun Belt Conference obtained the following interpretation from the Legislation and Interpretations Committee (LIC) regarding the three permissible methods of gradating (upward) a student-athlete's financial aid during the term of the award:

- increase  
aid*
1. All scholarship athletes at the institution receive an equal amount of an increase from the same pool of funds made available by the institution.
  2. The award is increased based on the student's financial need as determined by the institution's standard formula.
  3. An exigent (or) emergency situation arises within the student-athlete's immediate family (e.g. family bankruptcy, death in immediate family) and this situation can be fully documented by the institution.

★ Under no circumstances can the financial aid be gradated either upward (or) downward based exclusively on a student-athlete's athletic ability.





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## Athletics Notes March, 1990 - Jimmy Feix

1. REMINDER: Monthly head coaches' breakfast this Thursday, March 15. I hope you had a good spring break and know that several of our teams were traveling and playing during that time.
2. I appreciate the promptness and completeness with which the 1990-91 budget requests were returned to our office. By this time I have reviewed them and forwarded them to President Meredith.
3. As the 1989-90 budget year's end nears, you are reminded to give extra attention to expenditures that will insure staying within allocations.
4. As you can tell by the parking situation, we have a lot happening in Diddle Arena (as well as elsewhere on the campus). The KHSAA boys regional concludes Tuesday (3/13) night and the girls state runs Wednesday through Saturday (3/14-17).
5. In addition to our regular spring sports that are in their traditional seasons as basketball, swimming and indoor track season come to a close, volleyball and soccer will be conducting the non-traditional season segments of their programs. Spring football is scheduled to run from March 20 through the Red-White spring game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20. As a part of the spring football promotion, Coach Harbaugh's son, Jim, will head a delegation of Chicago Bears who will be on hand for the spring game and to play in a basketball game Saturday night, April 21 against a team of Alumni "W" Club basketball players.
6. The process leading to the selection of a new head men's basketball coach has begun and Jeff Hulsmeier, who served as our assistant volleyball coach last year, has been selected as our new head volleyball coach for 1990-91.

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Athletics Notes  
April, 1990 - Jimmy Feix

1. Our final Head Coaches Breakfast will be in the DUC Cafeteria Thursday, April 19, 7:00 A.M. I look forward to this final fellowship of the school year and hope you can have it on your calendar.
2. You are reminded that you are to notify all returning players on your squad of their financial aid by July 1. Use the **Recommendation For Renewal of Financial Aid** form and have the student-athlete sign and date the form which documents compliance with this NCAA legislation. After you sign and date the form, forward it to the Athletics Office. If a grant is not to be renewed, the forms are still to be used and signed by you and the student. Indicate "no aid" for terms of the award.
3. As a part of determining the aid you will recommend as you work within your grants-in-aid allocations, I am providing the unit costs and the denomination you are to use in determining equivalencies. Those head count sports who award partial grants may also need to determine equivalencies. The figures are annual amounts. While equivalency sports may average the two semesters' awards to be within the year's total allocation, **head count sports can not average head count awards for the year** (i.e. volleyball maximum of 12 individuals receiving awards can not be 14 one semester and 10 the other semester).

In-state tuition	\$1280
Out-of-state tuition	3640
Meals	1900
Books	175
Air condition dorm	950
Non-air condition dorm	920

In determining equivalencies for equivalency sports, the NCAA directs that \$200 be the figure used for books. We are permitted to use an "average" figure for the total cost of a grant (accommodating the difference between dorm rooms), but must use an in-state and out-of-state figure. Our in-state cost is \$4,315; out-of-state cost is \$6,675. An in-state award of \$1,000 tuition and books would be \$1,200 divided by \$4315 or a .278 grant. Such an award to an out-of-state student would be \$1200 divided by \$6,675 or a .18 grant.



You are also reminded that when filling out the scholarship forms for a partial tuition grant to an out-of-state student, 35% of the amount is to be entered in the in-state column and 65% shown in the out-of-state column. Obviously in addition to considering NCAA grants-in-aid and head count limits, many of our coaches must work within institutional grants limits (in-state/out-of-state) and budget allocations, coaches may award financial aid from one grant line account to another so long as the total financial aid does not exceed the total allocation in the 8000 Student Aid Budget Pool.

4. I am deeply grateful for the efforts you made that resulted in the great attendance for the drug education lecture, March 22. I recognized that some coaches changed or called off practice for the event.
5. You are reminded that the "Coaches Form" that notifies Admissions of the need for initial eligibility determination needs to be submitted for every recruited student-athlete. Retain the yellow copy so you will have a record of in-coming prospects.
6. We extend a warm Hilltopper welcome to our new head men's basketball coach Ralph Willard, his wife Dottie and the Willard family.
7. REMINDERS:

\*\*\*All books returned by student-athletes before they leave after finals.

\*\*\*Ensure housing scholarship students officially check out of their resident hall to avoid the \$75.00 penalty charge.

\*\*\*It's budget "crunch time" as the fiscal year ends. Monitor your balances closely and plan your spending to prevent overruns.



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ATHLETIC NOTES  
MAY, 1990 - JIMMY FEIX

1. The Undergraduate "W" Club had its spring picnic Sunday, April 22. A great big thanks to Butch Gilbert, Lee Murray and Bobby Rascoe for all their hard work and help. Alumni "W" Club President Ray Nutter was also a big help in getting the new letter jackets distributed. Lee and Bobby put in a lot of time and ate a lot of, smoke cooking the hamburgers. The letter jackets are outstanding. We all owe the Alumni "W" Club a rousing thanks for the time and effort (to say nothing of the large amount of money) put into this project. This will relieve you of having to spend your HAF money on letter awards as the "W" Club plans on providing every letterwinner with a plaque for a first time award and a jacket as a second time award.
2. President Meredith's "Brag Sheet, 1990" is enclosed with the Coaches' copies of these "Notes". There are several items you can use in recruiting and in talks you will be giving to various civic and social groups.
3. Congratulations to Kathy and Randy Deere on their son, Andrew Kenneth, born April 14 and Anita Madison on her grandson, Codey, born March 30.
4. President Meredith and I have reviewed our athletics budget requests. While we anticipate some improvement in the 1991-93 biennial because of legislative action in the recently completed 1990 legislative session, there are no new monies for satisfying requests for increases in the 1990-91 operating expenses pools (3,000 through 6,000). Moving some monies around and reallocation of 1989-90 funding levels made it possible to provide some small increases in some line accounts of some sports. Grant-in-aid funding was increased as the result of increases in tuition and room charges. I urge you to look closely at your HAF expenditures, eliminating some of the promotion and public relations expenses to save more revenues for recruiting, team travel, equipment and grants-in-aid for the coming year. New state funding was taken up in support of the 1990-91 Salary Compensation Plan. I will work with you in reviewing your 1990-91 allocations and your plans to administer your program within those allocations.
5. We are now receiving only one copy of your telephone credit card calls. I will review these before sending them to you. **Please check and certify the calls and return the bills to me with any comments needed.** Let me know of problems that show up on your bills. We will maintain the bills in our files.



6. Some "reminders":
- 6.1. Grant-in-aid renewal forms for returning student-athletes completed before July 1.
  - 6.2. Housing agreements completed and filed with the Housing Office.
  - 6.3. Any changes in meal and/or housing grant rosters must be made by my office based on your request.
  - 6.4. Pam and I will join President Meredith and Dr. Cook in attendance at the Spring Sun Belt Conference meeting May 20-24.
  - 6.5. The HAF annual membership banquet will be Thursday, August 16, 6:00 P.M., DUC cafeteria. New Sun Belt Conference Commissioner, Jim Lessing will be the speaker. Please make plans to attend so you can be recognized and have the opportunity to fellowship with the group that is so vital to all our sports programs.
  - 6.6. Prior approval of courses taken at other institutions (including summer sessions) and "correspondence courses" that are intended to be used in academic eligibility for participation. A recent interpretation from the April 25 Legislative Assistance Column follows.

1990 Column No. 17 *H/25/90*

### NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1—good academic standing and satisfactory progress/prior approval for summer courses at other institutions

NCAA member institutions are reminded that in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1, prior approval by appropriate academic officials at the certifying institution is required if courses taken during another institution's summer term are to be utilized in determining the student-athlete's academic status (i.e., good academic standing and satisfactory progress). The NCAA Academic Requirements Committee has the authority under the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4 to grant exceptions for student-athletes who do not request or receive prior approval as required per Bylaw 14.4.3.1 for courses taken during another institution's summer term; however, such exceptions will be granted only if the student-athlete would have received approval for the course upon request and there is information available indicating that the certifying institution was implementing a program that normally would place it in compliance with the requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.

Further, in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.2, correspondence, extension and credit-by-examination courses taken from an institution other than the one in which the student is enrolled as a full-time student shall not be used in determining a student's academic standing or satisfactory progress. Waivers of this restriction may be granted by the Academic Requirements Committee in response to written requests from member institutions for the evaluation of specified programs of study involving the use of such courses. In a state that centralizes the offering of correspondence courses through one state institution, a student enrolled in another of the state's institutions may use a correspondence course from the institution authorized to offer such courses in determining the student's academic standing or satisfactory progress.

The reason some folks never reach the top of the ladder is because they mistake it for an escalator. — JOAN I WELSH.

Baby bottles were invented so that men could get up and feed the baby. — CHARLES PATTL.

A real friend is one who doesn't believe the gossip he hears about you even when he knows it's true. — WALT STREIGHTIFF.

Stay-at-home: "Did you see much poverty in your travels?"  
Returned tourist: "A lot. In fact, I brought some home with me."

At 20, he'd like to save the world;  
Go down on history's pages;  
At 30, he'd just be satisfied  
To save part of his wages!  
— F.G. KERNAN.

Some people's idea of progress is to improve everything but themselves. — H E MARTZ.

It has been well said that a hungry man is more interested in four sandwiches than in four freedoms. — HENRY CABOT LODGE.

The race is not always to the swift,  
nor the battle to the strong—but  
that's not a bad way to bet. — BILL EARLE.

Beware of the listener  
Who always understands.  
Beware of the talker  
Who leads you by the hands.  
— JOHN ERSKINE.

## They Say...

Pure air is like money. It is only important to those who do not have it. — Dr C P BROOKE.

Sign on the first tee of a golf course: "Drive Carefully." — KELLY FORDYCE, Indianapolis Star.



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#### ATHLETICS NOTES

June, 1990 - Jimmy Feix

1. In my last notes, I mistakenly gave the location of the Annual Hilltopper Athletic Foundation Membership Banquet at Downing University Center. The banquet will be held at the Greenwood Executive Inn, Thursday August 16, 6:00 p.m.
2. You are again reminded that notification of aid renewals (or non-renewals) for players on your 1989-90 squad who will be returning to school for the 1990-91 school year must be done by July 1. This requires the student-athletes dated signature with yours before forwarding to my office.
3. It is, obviously, critical that you protect the confidentiality of your new AT&T credit card numbers. Students are not to have access to your credit card. If current players are assisting in recruiting with calls to prospects, arrange a time when the calls can be made by on-campus WATS lines under your supervision. The credit cards are to provide you with a means to make off-campus official business related calls.
4. Please continue to route these monthly notes to staff and clerical people you may have in your program. Everyone needs to be kept informed regarding activities in our areas.
5. I am deeply grateful for the tireless efforts and countless hours all of you have put into your program and in behalf of our University during the 1989-90 school year. We in the athletics director's office appreciate the cooperation you give us as we administer the University's and NCAA policies and regulations. The support our coaches give one another and the friendship extended are important to all our successes. I know you join me in a special thanks to our athletics training staff for their support. We are grateful, too, to Dixie Mahurin and Kathy Teichert for their efforts as our academic advisement program got off the ground last year. We look forward to the continuing growth of those activities and the impact it will have on the academic success of our student-athletes. Gary West and his staff in the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation continue to do an outstanding job in this most critical area of all our operations. I know you are well aware of the importance of the resources the HAF provide athletics. Your cooperation with and support of the HAF's efforts is deeply appreciated. The welfare of each and every student-athlete must be the focus of all our efforts. Thanks for a great job this year and best wishes for and outstanding 1990-91.



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**ATHLETICS NOTES**  
**August, 1990 - Jimmy Feix**

1. You are reminded that all coaches are urged to attend the breakfast **Thursday, August 16, 7:00 A.M. in DUC** to meet and visit with new Sun Belt Conference Commissioner Jim Lessig. The day concludes with the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation's Award Membership banquet at the Greenwood Executive Inn. There will be a cash bar at 6:00 P.M. with dinner beginning at 6:45. I will be recognizing all of our coaches and you will have an opportunity to visit with Foundation members as an expression of our gratitude for their support.
2. I am certain you have read of Lee Robertson's appointment as our Head Men's Golf Coach. Norman Head will continue to assist the program as Assistant Teaching Coach. We are also please to have recommended Alice Burk as Assistant Athletics Trainer. She replaces Dan Brennan who has taken a sports medicine position with a clinic in St. Louis. Coach Willard has completed his men's basketball staff and Coach Harbaugh has two new coaches replacing Mike Dawson and David Huxtable. Jeff Hulsmeier replaces Charlie Daniel as our volleyball coach. I know you want to make a special effort to meet and welcome these new staff members to our "family".
3. Your attention is drawn to the July 18 issue of the NCAA News, pp. one and six about the **National Letter of Intent (NLI)**. The article includes a copy of the new rewritten NLI and comments about early signing of multisport prospects. The new NLI combines previously separate men's and women's NLI.
4. Please remind your squad members:
  - 4.1 Super card food allowances are on a declining balance. **When the semester's allocation is gone - - it's gone. Feeding friends and taking food for snacks rapidly depletes allocations. You are reminded that all changes in meal rosters are made by request through the Athletics Director's Office.** Food Services has agreed to make no other changes.
  - 4.2 If they are on room scholarship, their \$75.00 deposit has been waived. However, if they fail to check out of the residence hall correctly, your budget will be prohibited by "obligation" until the University is reimbursed.

- 4.3 Book scholarship players should be prepared to identify themselves when getting books from our library and/or the bookstore. They must pickup their books, personally. **No one can get books for them.** They obviously, can not get books, for friends for class, for which the athlete is not enrolled. **When we pull their schedule up on the computer to certify enrollment, any violation could result in loss of eligibility because of "extra benefits" and future grant-in-aid.**
5. Please review 13.6.5.2, 13.6.5.4.2 and 13.8.1, 1989-90 NCAA Manual (we haven't received the 1990-91 editions, yet) regarding complimentary admissions, qualified hosts and high school/junior college coaches' tickets/entertainment. The "Request: Complimentary Tickets For Official University Use" form is to be used for all complimentary ticket requests. For our 1990 football season, tickets for all coaches and all official and unofficial prospective student-athletes' visits (except football) will be held at gate three of Smith Stadium. Please ask schools who contact you for a "team visit" to call or write my office. These groups also enter through gate three. Other complimentary tickets not under NCAA jurisdiction can be picked up at the ticket office or left at our reservation window.
6. Please either copy or route these "Notes" each month to assistants and other staff you may have working in your program.
7. Head coaches have received a request from Butch Gilbert for an article on your sport for the Alumni "W" Club Newsletter. **Please respond to this request.** The "W" Club and our alumni letterwinners are very supportive of our sports programs. Their sponsorship of the on-campus letterwinners club for undergraduates and providing the letter jacket for each letterwinner are specific examples of this support. I thank you for the ways you show your support and cooperation with the Alumni "W" Club.



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**ATHLETICS NOTES**  
**September, 1990 - Jimmy Feix**

1. I appreciate your attendance at the August breakfast that hosted our new Sun Belt Conference Commissioner Jim Lessig (and you who have full or part-time assistants having those staff members there). The conference office is extremely helpful with our entire athletics program and Commissioner Lessig is committed to continuing this invaluable support.
2. You are reminded to submit any roster additions for your team to our office so we can keep your squad list current. Also, please advise us of additional student-athlete statements that we need to administer to new team members.
3. As those of you who held sports camps on the campus this past summer get all the bills paid, you are reminded to submit a final report to me if you have not yet done so. Participants-revenue and major line items of expenditures are the featured items I will need for my report.
4. Dr. Paul Cook, Executive Vice-President For Administrative Affairs and Chair, Faculty Athletics Committee has advised me that Faculty Athletics Committee meetings are scheduled for 3:15 P.M. the third Tuesday, of each month during the Fall semester in Weatherby's Regents Room. Coaches are welcome to attend these meetings. It is recognized that conflicts with practices will prevent coaches attending many of the meetings.
5. I, like you, have reviewed the final 1989-90 budget printouts. I am scheduled to meet with University budget personnel next week as a part of preparing a report to the President on the 1989-90 fiscal year budget operations. I am deeply grateful for the continuing attention you give this priority concern. I am pleased that your budgets show improvements in your use of allocations. Few increases in current operating allocations were possible with the emphasis placed on improving salary levels for 1990-91. I know you will plan your expenditures of both University and Hilltopper Athletic Foundation allocations so as to operate within your funding.



6. Dr. Cook reported that Registrar Fredia Eggleton indicated that this Fall has been the best semester ever in concluding eligibility procedures. This reflects credit on you for your timely cooperation and Mrs. Herriford and Mrs. Madison who work with you on all the squad list, eligibility forms and scholarship roster forms.
7. I'm most appreciative of all the coaches efforts in helping us get off to a smooth Fall semester beginning. Please don't hesitate to call on those in the Athletics Director's Office for information on "how things are done" and any assistance we can be. Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable semester.
8. A special thanks to Bill Edwards, our athletics training staff and student-trainers for the outstanding way the preseason activities were organized and conducted. Team physicals, drug education and NCAA testing of the football team, insurance and dealing with the extreme heat indexes affecting our out-door sports have all been carried out and dealt with in grand fashion.
9. September Head Coaches Breakfast: Thursday, the 20th-7:00 A.M. - DUC. This is also the date for the first HAF membership luncheon of the year. It'll be at Park Inn at 11:45. Coach Harbaugh is to be the speaker. Coaches are urged to attend so as to "meet and greet" our boosters. Coaches of sports in traditional seasons will give a report to the group.

## PLAIN TALK

"Don't tell me how hard you work," said James Ling, "Tell me how much you get done." Work coupled with brains is the sure recipe for success, neither by itself can accomplish a great deal. Nothing is denied to well directed labor; nothing is ever attained without it.

Benjamin Franklin wrote:

"There are no gains without pains. He that hath a trade hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath an office of profit and honor; but then the trade must be worked at, and the calling followed, or neither the estate nor the office will enable us to pay our taxes. If we are industrious, we shall never starve; for, at the workingman's house hunger looks in, but dares not enter. Nor will the baliff or the constable enter, for industry pays debts, while idleness and neglect increase them."

J.C. Penney observed: "Unless you are willing to drench yourself in your work beyond the capacity of the average man, you are just not cut out for positions at the top." We add you may not get to the top by hard work, but you sure won't get there without it.

Sincerely,

*Edd White*

E.M. (Edd) White, Pres.  
Bissells, Inc.

*Cornell, Ky*

*father of former  
footballer Ray  
White.*



People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and, if they can't find them, make them.

—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

*Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong.  
It's like saying you're wiser today than you  
were yesterday.*

*Competition doesn't create character, it ex-  
poses it.*

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**ATHLETICS NOTES**  
**November, 1990 - Jimmy Feix**

1. Frankie and I appreciate the kind remarks we have received from the coaches regarding our retirement, June 30 next year. I heard there was **"dancing in the streets"**, but when I went to check, I **didn't see any of the coaches . . .** This is something we have worked for and it's just time to **"do it"**. I'm so deeply grateful for the support and cooperation I have received from the staff. Your friendships and our associations will be the fondest memories we'll take with us. Now, let's have a great eight months that's left in our 1990-91 year.
2. You are reminded that complimentary admissions for our men's and women's basketball games are to be requested on the **"Complimentary Tickets For Official University Use"** form that we have been using. The head coach is required to sign as the requesting university official. Forward the forms to the Athletics office for approval. The request requires the names and identification (school, organization) of the individuals receiving the complimentary admission(s). In marking the "disposition of tickets" section, you are reminded that prospective student-athletes and coaches may not receive "hard tickets". The tickets for prospects and coaches will be held at the table inside the doors of the left ramp front entrance (Smith Stadium side) of Diddle Arena. A reserve seat ticket stub will be issued these guests when they identify themselves at the table. For these admissions, please write **"ramp table"** after #4, **"other"** on the form. NCAA legislation permits three complimentary admissions for a prospect on an unofficial visit and two admissions for a coach. A prospect on an official visit is entitled to one admission and admission for his/her parents, legal guardians or spouse. No other friends or relatives (including siblings) may receive complimentary admission on a prospect's official visit (Bylaw 13.7.5.2).
3. Our **November Head Coaches' Breakfast is Thursday, November 15, DUC Cafeteria, 7:00 A.M.** I appreciate the special effort in the attendance for last month's breakfast with President Meredith.



4. President Meredith, Dr. Cook and I attended the October 22-24 Sun Belt Conference meeting. I will circulate the minutes when they are received. We will also be getting the final draft of NCAA proposals for the Convention in Nashville, January 7-11, soon.
5. We have a November birthday in the Athletics office. Anita celebrates her \_\_\_\_\_ (you may fill in the blanks) Thursday the 8th.



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**ATHLETICS NOTES**  
**December, 1990 - Jimmy Feix**

1. You are reminded that there will be no head coaches breakfast this month. Our next breakfast will be Thursday, January 17, 1991.
2. Congratulations to Coach Jeff Hulsmeyer. 1990 Women's Volleyball Sun Belt Conference Coach-of-the-Year.
3. A special recognition is deserved for Sean Dollman, men's cross-country Sun Belt Conference individual champion who was named an NCAA cross country All-American for the second year in a row with his sixth place finish in the NCAA Championship meet this year. Breeda Dennehy was women's Sun Belt Conference women's cross country individual champion. Congratulations Curtiss.
4. Coaches of completed Fall sports schedules are reminded to submit your participation rosters to the athletics office. Provide an alphabetized full name with social security numbers roster. Indicate with a check or asterisk mark those on the participation list who should be recognized in accordance with your sport criteria as letterwinners. These rosters are submitted to the Faculty Athletics Committee for certification. The Alumni "W" Club, Sports Information Director and Office of Alumni Affairs will then be notified so letterwinners may be duly recorded.
5. As December closes out the first half of the fiscal year, give close attention to your University general fund budget balances. It would be good to review your spending plans and allocations in the event revisions are needed to insure your spending stays within allocations. Please don't hesitate to call on me for any assistance you feel I might be with your money management (except for more money!)
6. We have had some problem with the sports' HAF account balances because of interaccounting by the University. The HAF account is addressing this matter with the University. Those sports who use Foundation funding for grant-in-aid assistance need to especially be sure that funds are available for this purpose. We would like to

be able to deny payment of these kinds of charges if funds are not available, but interaccounting complicates the procedures. You must also be alert to over awards that would violate NCAA rules.

7. You are reminded that second semester grant-in-aid rosters are needed by the Athletics Office no later than Friday, December 14. Even though grant-in-aid funds are not shown in your budget printouts, you have been advised of your allocations in each of the four grant parts and know your balances based on first semester expenditures. Also, remember the head count/equivalency NCAA maximums in those fully funded sports.
8. Remind your "book scholarship" students to turn in their first semester books immediately after completing their finals and before they go home for Christmas.
9. We have received the NCAA Convention Official Notice containing the proposed amendments and amendments to amendments to be considered during the 1991 convention at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. I have mentioned to you the summary of this proposed legislation that is appearing in the NCAA News. Your comments are welcomed and solicited.
10. All coaches and athletic office staff are invited to the athletics Holidays Celebration for refreshments and fellowship Tuesday, December 18 in the Red Room. To accommodate your schedules, the Athletics Office will try to keep the "goodies" and "good times" replenished so you can stop by anytime that day.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 1991 !!!**



## ACADEMICS AND SPORTS

**Proof: Sports Affect Grades**

*Editor's note: It's been widely assumed that reducing athletic time demands on student-athletes would help improve their academic performance. Now, two Clemson University economics professors—Robert E. McCormick and Michael T. Maloney, head of the economics department—have conducted an intensive study that tends to confirm the assumption. Their data, which compares the grades of athletes in 13 varsity sports at Clemson to the grades of the overall student body, indicates that athletes don't do as well academically as non-athletes. More to the point, athletes do better academically during their off-seasons than they do when their sport is in season, implying that athletic time demands do affect academic performance. Here's their report:*

Few topics concerning academe have achieved such concern as the proper role of athletics on campus. The volume of coverage in the press concerning the academic successes and failures of athletes on campus so far outweighs similar stories about non-athletes that one is sometimes left to wonder if anyone cares about what goes on in America's colleges and universities unless it pertains to athletes.

Over the past year, we have examined this particular aspect of athletics and academics: To what extent does intercollegiate athletic participation affect academic success? Unlike the classic college student, the student-athlete routinely spends a significant portion of his or her time involved in preparation for competition.

We have accumulated data on 266,369 course grades of 12,368 undergraduate students at Clemson University from 1985 to 1988. For each student, we have background information such as SAT score and high school class rank.

We can also identify whether a student participated in intercollegiate athletic competition and in what sport. There are 629 athletes

in the study and we have grades for 13,918 courses they took during this period.

The sports represented were baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, golf, soccer, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track, women's volleyball and wrestling.

We have uncovered a number of different things.

First, controlling for background factors (SAT score and high school class rank, for example), athletes do not perform as well in the classroom as regular students by a modest, approaching trivial, margin—about .06 below the overall grade point average of 2.632. This is about a 2 percent reduction in achievement and the equivalent of one letter grade—say a C instead of a B—every 17 courses.

However, upon closer inspection,

ball) we estimate no impact.

However, overall performance is not the most interesting question. More important is whether athletes do as well in the classroom when the bulk of their attention is devoted to their sport.

Two schools of thought are present here. One says that the enormous time spent in sports preparation and participation takes time away from studies. Others claim that coaching oversight provides a kind of parental guidance absent for most regular students. To address this question, we examined athletes' grades to determine if they are systematically different in season and out.

We find that, in general, grades are lower in-season than out of season—about .20 of a grade point lower, or one letter grade for every five courses taken. This suggests that the effect is predominately, if not exclusively, an in-season

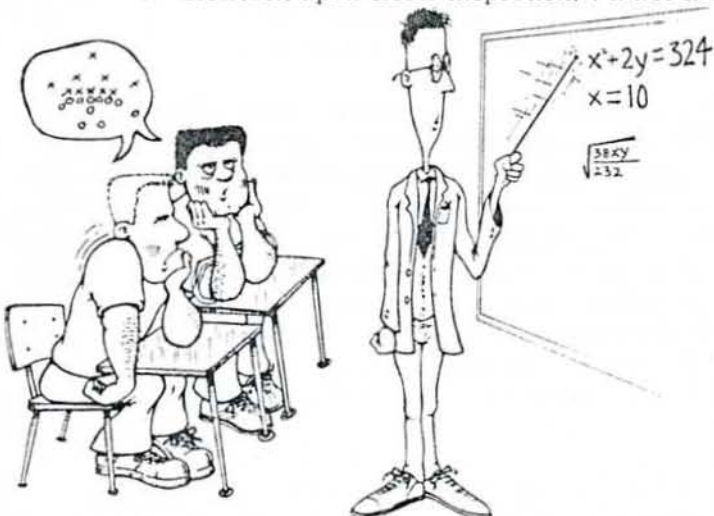
phenomenon. Indeed, we estimate that if athletes did not participate in sports, their grade point average would be slightly higher than the rest of the student body's. We presume this is due to coaching oversight and tutoring services offered by the university.

We also examined choice of course load and course difficulty by athletes in season and out of season to see if those factors could explain the lower

grades, but found that athletes take lighter course loads during the season and course difficulty is, if anything, easier.

Our work implies that student-athletes would perform better in the classroom if the requirements of their athletic endeavors were curtailed. Based on these findings, we are led to speculate that proposals like restrictions on basketball season length and the elimination of spring football practice can be expected to improve the learning experience of student-athletes. Naturally, this comes at the expense of improvement in their athletic skills.

—Michael T. Maloney  
and Robert E. McCormick  
Clemson University



we see that the effect across various sports is not homogenous. It turns out that athletes in some sports perform as well as regular students, others do worse and some do better.

Male basketball, football, baseball and tennis players do not do as well. Basketball players fare worst, with a grade point average .24 (about 10 percent) below regular students every semester, a difference of one letter grade every four courses.

In contrast, women swimmers perform about 2 percent better than the overall student body.

In all other sports (soccer, golf, wrestling, men's and women's track, women's tennis, men's swimming and women's basket-